

### CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Many careers value the skills gained from a geography A Level, whether that be town planning, estate management, meteorology, environmental management or GIS. Subjects which go particularly well with Geography are Biology, Sociology, English or Maths. We are in the unusual position of being both an Arts and Scientific area of study, which enables purely science based students to continue to develop their literacy skills, while also allowing arts based students to maintain statistical and mathematical skills.



### THE PROGRAMME

The A Level consists of 3 elements – a physical paper, a human paper and an a non examined assessment which is a coursework component of between 3000-4000 words. The physical paper consists of water and the carbon cycle, hazards and coasts. On the human paper students study contemporary urban environments, changing places changing spaces and global governance.

Some of the material on both the physical and human elements is relatively unfamiliar to students so there is an opportunity to really stretch and develop students’ understanding of the world in which they live in new and exciting ways, whilst also building on existing knowledge. Students are also required to be involved in 4 days of fieldwork to help them decide on a suitable coursework topic.

There is a range of teaching styles from seminars, presentations and lectures and students are expected to have an awareness of contemporary issues in the news. The A Level course is linear with 2 terminal exams, one for the physical topics and one for the human topics, each of 2 hours 30mins. They will be a mixture of short multiple choice questions moving up to longer, 20 mark, extended prose questions. In addition, students must complete a piece of fieldwork consisting of minimum of four days’ work in the field. This geographical investigation will be marked in school and should be between 3000-4000 words.

### WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Studying geography allows students to have a much deeper and fuller understanding of the changing world in which they live. We teach students to question cause and effect, why issues happen and the implication on people and places and this can be as diverse as who owns Antarctica and how that wilderness can be managed to the role of water supply in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Geography is a highly respected academic A Level and many students who have a science background and who study geography have commented upon how valuable the written element of the course has been as they have progressed to degree level study. We aim to give our geography students the tools and curiosity to enquire and discover more about the places and spaces of this increasingly globalised world in which they live.